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Re Department's A-2748, August 25, on professional Americans abroad.

Statistics obtained from Japanese Government sources indicate following number Americans by profession registered as practicing in Japan:

Engineers (including skilled technicians, pharamists, et cetera) 376; teachers 232; doctors 19; dentists 4; nurses 15; lawyers 30. Total 676.

Copies of correspondence on subject between President, American Chamber of Commerce, Tokyo and President, American Bar Association transmitted. Chamber of Commerce letter reveals great concern local community to situation which may affect not only attorneys, but all other American professionals in Japan.

Obvious that unless professions clause retained in FCN treaty way would be open for Japanese to bar American professionals from practice. Although no such official move apparent, much discontent has been voiced privately by Executive Council, Japanese Federation of Bar Association re US and other alien attorneys in Japan, in effort prevent future admissions and restrict present privileges. Embassy informed some Japanese action contemplated to restrict activities foreign attorneys. However, close observer situation reports Foreign Office counsels moderation pending conclusion FCN negotiations. In any event Embassy expects new applicants for bar admissions will be strictly screened. This sentiment cable of spreading to other fields should professions clause in FCN treaty under negotiation be deleted. Embassy urges and recommends retention FCN professions clause.

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